

**MINUTES
ALHAMBRA CITY COUNCIL
ALHAMBRA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
Joint Regular Meeting
July 28, 2008
5:30 p.m.**

ROLL CALL: At 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 28, 2008, the Alhambra City Council and the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency (ARA) met in the Council Chambers of the Alhambra City Hall, 111 South First Street, Alhambra, California.

CITY COUNCIL/ARA BOARD MEMBERS:

**PRESENT: PLACIDO, MESSINA, AYALA, YAMAUCHI
ABSENT: SHAM**

Officials Present: City Manager/ARA Executive Director Fuentes, Assistant City Manager/Personnel Director Bacio, Assistant City Attorney/Assistant Agency Counsel Richman, City Clerk/ARA Assistant Secretary Moore, Director of Development Services/ARA Deputy Executive Director Martin, Director of Finance Longballa, Deputy City Manager Schultz, Assistant to the City Manager Hayashi, Library Director Hernandez, Sergeant-at-Arms Aguayo.

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Vice Chairman Yamauchi

RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE ONLY

On motion of Mr. AYALA, seconded by Mrs. MESSINA, and carried unanimously (PLACIDO, MESSINA, AYALA, YAMAUCHI [SHAM, absent]), the Assistant City Attorney/Assistant Agency Counsel was instructed to read by title only all resolutions appearing in these minutes which are required by law to be read in their entirety.

Action Taken: Hearing no objections, the Mayor and Chairman so ordered.

AGENCY/COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA (Item Nos. 1 - 4)

All items listed under the Consent Agenda were considered by the Agency Board/City Council to be routine and, therefore, were enacted by one motion.

1. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – F2M8-500

Agency staff had submitted for the Agency Board's review and approval Accounts Payable for the period ended July 16, 2008, Warrant Nos. 16522 - 16534, in the total amount of \$857,076.39; and for the period ended July 16, 2008, Check Nos. 10015 – 10023, in the total amount of \$47,484.71.

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Agency Board approved as submitted.

Vote: Moved: AYALA Seconded: MESSINA
Ayes: PLACIDO, MESSINA, AYALA, YAMAUCHI
Noes: NONE
Absent: SHAM

2. MINUTES – F2M8-67

A. The Minutes of the May 27, 2008 Joint Regular Meeting of the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency and Alhambra City Council and the Regular Meeting of the Alhambra City Council, the June 9, 2008 Joint Regular Meeting of the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency and the Alhambra City Council and the Regular Meeting of the Alhambra City Council, and the June 23, 2008 Joint Regular Meeting of the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency and the Alhambra City Council and the Regular Meeting of the Alhambra City Council were presented for review and approval by both the Agency Board and/or the City Council.

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Agency Board/City Council approved as submitted.

Vote: Moved: AYALA Seconded: MESSINA
Ayes: PLACIDO, MESSINA, AYALA, YAMAUCHI
Noes: NONE
Absent: SHAM

B. Additionally, in order to create a permanent record for an item which has previously been approved by the City Council and/or Agency Board, it becomes necessary from time-to-time to enter such an item into the Minutes so that the document can be properly maintained and retrieved once filed. Such an item is as follows: *San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (Formation and General Information)* – File No. F2M8-67.

3. BID AWARD: DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS AT 231, 239 & 249 WEST

MAIN STREET – F2M7-508, F2M5-511, N2M8-29, M2M8-512, C2M8-509

On June 26, 2008, 11 bids ranging in price from \$51,510.00 (Interior Demolition, Inc.) to \$155,700.00 (American Wrecking, Inc.), were received, opened and publicly declared by the City Clerk/ARA Assistant Secretary in response to Notice Inviting Bids No. N2M8-29 for the Demolition of Existing Buildings at 231, 239 and 249 West Main Street as more fully discussed in the ARA Deputy Executive Director's July 28, 2008 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Agency Board adopted **Minute Order No. M2M8-512** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency Board that this Agency Board hereby

1. Accepts as the lowest responsible bid received, the bid of INTERIOR DEMOLITION, INC., in the total amount of \$51,510.00, for the Demolition of Existing Buildings at 231, 239, and 249 West Main Street Project, hereinafter referred to as the "Project", subject to the terms, conditions, and specifications set forth in Notice Inviting Bids No. N2M8-29; and,
2. Approves that certain CONTRACT with said successful bidder, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk as **Contract No. C2M8-509** and incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein; and, after said Contract has been duly executed by said Contractor, the Agency Chairman is hereby authorized to execute such Contract for and on behalf of the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency and the Assistant Secretary is hereby authorized to attest the same and to affix the Seal of said Agency thereto.

Vote: Moved: AYALA Seconded: MESSINA
Ayes: PLACIDO, MESSINA, AYALA, YAMAUCHI
Noes: NONE
Absent: SHAM

4. TREASURER'S REPORT - F2M8-1

The Director of Finance had prepared the Treasurer's Report for the month of June, 2008, listing all of the City's and the Alhambra Redevelopment Agency's investments as of June 30, 2008, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk as File No. F2M8-1.

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: City Council/Agency Board approved as submitted.

Vote: Moved: AYALA Seconded: MESSINA
Ayes: PLACIDO, MESSINA, AYALA, YAMAUCHI
Noes: NONE
Absent: SHAM

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

5. EMPLOYER PAID MEMBER CONTRIBUTION (EPMC) PROGRAM – F2M7-51, O2M8-4528, O2M8-4529, O2M8-4530

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: City Council directed the Assistant City Attorney to give second reading by title only to:

Ordinance No. O2M8-4528:

An Ordinance of the Alhambra City Council amending Ordinance No. O2M7-4502 pertaining to salary and benefits for sworn non-department head management employees for fiscal years 2006-2007, 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 as the same relates to the EPMC program.

Ordinance No. O2M8-4529:

An Ordinance of the Alhambra City Council amending Ordinance No. O2M2-4430 pertaining to salary and benefits for the Chief of Police and Fire Chief for fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2002-2004 and 2004-2005 as the same relates to the EPMC program.

Ordinance No. O2M8-4530:

An Ordinance of the Alhambra City Council amending Ordinance No. O2M8-4418 pertaining to salary and benefits for management and confidential employees for fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 as the same relates to the EPMC program.

after which the Council adopted the ordinances.

Vote: Moved: AYALA Seconded: MESSINA
 Ayes: PLACIDO, MESSINA, AYALA, YAMAUCHI
 Noes: NONE
 Absent: SHAM

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

CLOSED SESSION & CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENT re SAME - F2M8-14

Assistant City Attorney/Assistant Agency Counsel **RICHMAN** stated that an item pertaining to real property negotiations regarding 1811-1831 West Main Street arose subsequent to the posting of this agenda which staff needed to discuss with the City Council/Agency Board this evening; however, in order to do so, a motion and a unanimous vote was required to add it to the agenda under Closed Session.

Action Taken: On motion of Dr. PLACIDO, seconded by Mrs. MESSINA, and carried unanimously (PLACIDO, MESSINA, AYALA YAMAUCHI [SHAM, absent]), said matter was added as 3) under *Conference with Real Property Negotiator*.

Assistant City Attorney/Assistant Agency Counsel **RICHMAN** then identified those items listed on this evening's agenda which would be discussed in Closed Session as follows:

Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Govt. Code Section 54956.8):

- 1) Property: 2597 Loma Vista Drive, Negotiating parties: Prudential California Realty and City Manager/ARA Executive Director Julio J. Fuentes & Director of Development Services Michael Martin, Under Negotiation: Instruction to negotiators will concern price, terms of payment or both.
- 2) Property: 410 West Main Street, Negotiating parties: J.H. Snyder Group, LLC, and City Manager/ARA Executive Director Julio J. Fuentes & Director of Development Services Michael Martin, Under Negotiation: Instruction to negotiators will concern price, terms of payment or both.
- 3) Property: 1811-1831 West Main Street, Negotiating parties: Rich Wilson and City Manager/ARA Executive Director Julio J. Fuentes & Director of Development Services Michael Martin, Under Negotiation: Instruction to negotiators will concern price, terms of payment or both.

whereupon at 5:33 p.m., the Agency Board and City Council moved into closed session pursuant to applicable law, including the Brown Act (Government Code Sec. 54950, *et seq.*) for the purpose of conferring with the Agency Counsel/City Attorney.

RECONVENE & ARA RECESS: At 7:00 p.m., the Agency Board and City Council moved out of closed session with all members present, whereupon the ARA Chairman recessed the Agency's meeting until such time as the City Council had completed the public portion of its agenda.

**MINUTES
ALHAMBRA CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
July 28, 2008
7:00 p.m.**

RECONVENE & ROLL CALL: At 7:00 p.m., on Monday, July 28, 2008, the Alhambra City Council met in the Council Chambers of the Alhambra City Hall

PRESENT: MESSINA, YAMAUCHI, PLACIDO, AYALA
ABSENT: SHAM

Officials Present: City Manager Fuentes, Assistant City Manager/Personnel Director Bacio, Assistant City Attorney Richman, City Clerk Moore, Director of Development Services Martin, Director of Finance Longballa, Director of Public Works Swink, Director of Utilities Montan, Director of Community Services Jarvis, Chief of Police Hudson, Fire Chief Kemp, Deputy City Manager Schultz, Assistant to the City Manager Hayashi, Library Director Hernandez, Sergeant-at-Arms Aguayo

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Mayor Ayala.

RESOLUTIONS BY TITLE ONLY

On motion of Mrs. MESSINA, seconded by Dr. PLACIDO, and carried unanimously (MESSINA, YAMAUCHI, PLACIDO, AYALA [SHAM absent]) the Assistant City Attorney was instructed to read by title only all resolutions appearing in these minutes which are required by law to be read in their entirety.

PRESENTATION

1. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE – F2M8-58

On June 2, 2008, the City Council and Executive Staff met to review and set new three-year goals (2008-2011) and six-month objectives to implement the City's Strategic Plan.

During the strategic planning process, it was determined that staff will review the progress of the goals and objectives and present to the City Council the status on a monthly basis. Assistant to the City Manager **HAYASHI** reported on the progress to date on these goals and objectives as more fully discussed in her July 28, 2008 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Citizen Input: **Lola ARMENDARIZ** commented that the City's Facilitator at the Strategic Plan Retreat had recommended that the public should be informed of the contents of the status reports. She then questioned several items to which staff responded as follows:

- City proposes transferring its ownership of the parking lot on North Third Street to the Redevelopment Agency for part of a proposed development at Third and Main Streets, the final parcel of which we are in the process of acquiring from a private owner so that we can move forward with the prospective project (City Manager **FUENTES**);
- City/ARA is continuing to work with the developer for the Alhambra Place Shopping Center which may include a revision of the site plan to be more consistent with current economic conditions (City Manager **FUENTES**);
- City's Disaster Preparation Plan is a multi-hazard plan which staff reviews every 5 years; we have a draft copy at this time and should be ready to move forward with its presentation to the City Council in the next couple of months (Fire Chief **KEMP**);
- We are continuing our canvass of every business in the City to determine if each has the proper type of business license; City is more interested in getting each business correctly licensed rather than determining the type of penalty to assess (City Manager **FUENTES**);
- The purpose of evaluating the Code Enforcement Division is to ensure that the Division is operating at maximum efficiency (City Manager **FUENTES**);
- CERT stands for "Community Emergency Response Team" and is a 21-hour training course provided free of charge by the Fire Department to the public; the first class on August 9 is a refresher for those who have already attended a class; there will be two more classes for new volunteers on August 23 and October 7 (Fire Chief **KEMP**). This is a volunteer group that comes into action when we have a disaster (Councilperson **PLACIDO**).
- Staff has scheduled a meeting this week with Home Depot to discuss various options so we have nothing to report at this time (City Manager **FUENTES**);
- Plans for the Gateway Plaza (N/W corner of Valley Blvd. & Fremont Ave.) have been finalized by Public Works to build the arch, with landscaping to be done in house; the corner should be open to the public by early 2009 (City Manager **FUENTES**);

- With respect to protecting children within the new Library, the Library has a security system with cameras throughout; also the children's desk is in the center of the room and will be staffed at all times the Library is open (Library Director **HERNANDEZ**).

Discussion: At Dr. **PLACIDO**'s request, Fire Chief **KEMP** further explained that the City's Disaster Preparedness Committee, comprised of representatives from all City departments, has been participating in monthly meetings to prepare for the November 13-14 Countywide disaster drill which will be the largest one held to date in Los Angeles County. Responding to Vice Mayor **MESSINA**, Chief **KEMP** stated that they have been working with the Alhambra Unified School District as well and the AUSD will participate in the drill.

Action Taken: Received and ordered filed the informational report presented this evening.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2. 2008 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) – F2M6-63, N2M8-78, R2M8-19

This was the time and place set by **Notice No. N2M8-78** for the City Council to determine whether or not the City of Alhambra is in conformance with the Congestion Management Program (CMP), and if so determined to be in conformance, to adopt the CMP Local Implementation Report in accordance with California Government Code Section 65089, *et seq.*

Deputy Director of Public Works **CHAVEZ** reported that conformance with the CMP assures the continued flow of gas tax funds to the region, and preserves eligibility for federal transportation funds. Local jurisdictions are subject to a loss of transportation funding for noncompliance with the CMP. She further reported that annually, the City must complete a Local Implementation Report which documents the new development activity from the period of June 1 through May 31, indicating the debits and credits, and submit transportation improvements made in that time of which we expect to receive credits. Such a Local Implementation Report has been prepared and is on file in the City Clerk's Office. She further reported that in August, 2003, the MTA Board adopted the 2003 Short Range Transportation Plan. As one of the elements of the plan, the Board authorized MTA staff to conduct a Nexus Study to explore the feasibility of implementing a congestion mitigation fee to meet CMP Deficiency Plan requirements. While this study is underway, the CMP Countywide Deficiency Plan requirement for maintaining a positive credit balance is suspended until further notice. As a result, cities do not have to report their transportation improvements strategies for the 2008 cycle, just as in prior years. All current credit balances are temporarily frozen. No new credits will be earned by cities until the Nexus Study is complete. She concluded by stating that the City's frozen credit balance is 44,251. As of May 31, 2008, the City receives 1,142.416 credits

and 2,340.023 debits for the 2007/2008 CMP year.

Opened & Closed Public Hearing: Mayor **AYALA** opened the public hearing; and, as there was no one present wishing to speak, he closed the same.

Action Taken: Adopted **Resolution No. R2M8-19** entitled: *A Resolution of the Alhambra City Council finding the City of Alhambra, California, to be in conformance with the Congestion Management Program (CMP) and adopting the CMP Local Development Report, in accordance with California Government Code Section 65089*

Vote: Moved: MESSINA Seconded: PLACIDO
Ayes: MESSINA, YAMAUCHI, PLACIDO, AYALA
Noes: None
Absent: SHAM

3. 2008 WEED/NUISANCE ABATEMENT REPORT OF COSTS – F2M6-73, R2M8-22

Director of Finance **LONGBALLA** reported that each year the City must clear and secure certain properties that pose an immediate hazard or danger. The Department of Finance has mailed a Notice of Hearing to each of the six affected property owners advising him or her of the cost of clearing and securing their parcel and the time and place of this public hearing at which the Council will consider approving and levying the respective assessment.

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Adopted **Resolution No. R2M8-22** entitled: *A Resolution of the Alhambra City Council confirming the Report of the Director of Finance and Levying the Assessment for the 2008 Weed/Nuisance Abatement Program Assessment and approving that certain Agreement for Billing of Direct Assessments in connection therewith.*

Vote: Moved: MESSINA Seconded: PLACIDO
Ayes: MESSINA, YAMAUCHI, PLACIDO, AYALA
Noes: None
Absent: SHAM

CONSENT AGENDA (Item Nos. 4 – 7)

All items listed under the Consent Agenda were considered by the City Council to be routine and, therefore, were enacted by one motion.

4. MOU: MTA - NATIONAL TRANSIT DATABASE – F2M3-72, C2M8-36, M2M8-67

Staff requested City Council approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) for collecting and

reporting Alhambra Community Transit ridership data for the National Transit Database (NTD) for the report year 2006 as more fully discussed in the Director of Public Works' July 28, 2008 report on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Adopted **Minute Order No. M2M8-67** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby approves that certain MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) by and between the CITY OF ALHAMBRA, and the LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA), a copy of which MOU is on file in the office of the City Clerk as **Contract No. C2M8-36** and by this reference incorporated herein and made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein; and, the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute such MOU for and on behalf of the City of Alhambra and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to attest the same and to affix the Seal of said City thereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby directs the Director of Finance to invoice the MTA for the amount of \$90,661 for the City's services in collecting and reporting such FY 2005-06 NTD statistics, and upon receipt of such payment to appropriate said amount to the Proposition A fund balance.

Vote: Moved: YAMAUCHI Seconded: MESSINA
Ayes: MESSINA, YAMAUCHI, PLACIDO, AYALA
Noes: None
Absent: SHAM

5. NOTICE OF COMPLETION: HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT - F2M7-46, N2M7-160, C2M8-4, M2M8-66

Staff requested the City Council to accept the work of Best Contracting Services, Inc., for completion of the Historical Society Roof Replacement Project. The work has been inspected by staff and determined to be in compliance with the contract documents and specifications.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: Adopted **Minute Order No. M2M8-66** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby

- 1) Accepts as being fully complete, the work of BEST

CONTRACTING SERVICES, INC., for the Historical Society Museum Roof Replacement Project, (the "Project") under Contract No. C2M8-4;

- 2) Authorizes payment forthwith of the remaining unpaid balance, not to exceed 90 percent of the contract price, to said contractor, or assigns;
- 3) Authorizes the City Manager to sign the Notice of Completion and the City Clerk to record the same with the Los Angeles County Recorder;
- 4) Authorizes payment of the balance of the contract price to said contractor, or its assigns, on or about 35 days after recordation of said Notice of Completion; provided there have been no mechanic's lien or stop notices filed against said work which have not been paid, withdrawn or eliminated as a lien against said work; and,
- 5) Authorizes payment of the balance of the contract price to said Contractor, or its assigns, on or about 35 days after recordation of said Notice of Completion; provided there have been no mechanic's lien or stop notices filed against said work which have not been paid, withdrawn or eliminated as a lien against said work.

Vote: Moved: YAMAUCHI Seconded: MESSINA
Ayes: MESSINA, YAMAUCHI, PLACIDO, AYALA
Noes: None
Absent: SHAM

6. PERSONNEL ACTIONS – F2M8-2, M2M8-68

List of Personnel Actions had been prepared showing the various appointments, classifications, salary changes, etc., since the last City Council meeting. It was now appropriate to ratify those actions by the City Manager. In addition, the City Council was requested to take the following actions with respect to employee position classifications in the Police Department: Create a new position of *Police Management Analyst* to replace the position of *Support Services Manager*, create a new position of *Administrative Financial Manager* to replace the existing position of *Administrative Supervisor*, and create a new position of *Records Manager* to replace the existing position of *Police Records Supervisor*, as more fully discussed in those certain three reports dated July 28, 2008 of the Assistant City Manager/Personnel Director on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Ratified the actions of the City Manager set forth in that certain Personnel Actions document dated July 28, 2008, and adopted **Minute Order No. M2M8-68** as follows:

RESOLVED by the Alhambra City Council that this Council hereby

1. Establishes the employee position classifications of *Police Management Analyst, Administrative Financial Manager, and Records Manager*, assigns each such position to Salary Range \$5,135 - \$6,684 per month, and designates each such position classification as a *General* employee under Section Seven of the City's Employer-Employee Resolution No. R80-32, which said position classifications respectively replace those certain position classifications of *Support Services Manager, Administrative Supervisor* and *Police Records Supervisor*,
2. Approves those certain class specifications for the employee position classifications of *Police Management Analyst, Administrative Financial Manager, and Records Manager*, on file in the office of the City Clerk as F2M8-2 and incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein; and,
3. Amends the FY 2008-2009 Police Department budget and the City's Employer-Employee Resolution No. R80-32 to reflect the actions taken by this resolution.

Vote: Moved: YAMAUCHI Seconded: MESSINA
Ayes: MESSINA, YAMAUCHI, PLACIDO, AYALA
Noes: None
Absent: SHAM

7. DEMANDS - F2M8-1

General City Warrants (281497 thru 281650) in the amount of \$301,034.70 and Schedule of Wire Transfers in the amount of \$672,743.02 for the week ended July 3, 2008, General City Warrants (281651 thru 281767) in the amount of \$539,110.16 for the week ended July 10, 2008, and General City Warrants (281768 thru 281890) in the amount of \$404,299.70 and Schedule of Wire Transfers in the amount of \$392,058.94 for the week ended July 17, 2008, were submitted for Council's approval.

Discussion: None.

Action Taken: Approved as submitted.

Vote: Moved: YAMAUCHI Seconded: MESSINA
Ayes: MESSINA, YAMAUCHI, PLACIDO, AYALA
Noes: None
Absent: SHAM

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING

8. SMOKE FREE PARKS – F2M8-42, O2M8-4526

FUENTES: At 7:25 p.m., City Manager Fuentes left the room since he lives in close proximity to one of the park areas.

Councilperson **YAMAUCHI** stated that he would abstain from voting on this item due to a conflict of interest in that he is a member of the Asian Youth Center Board.

Citizen Input:

- 1) **Roy ROZELL**, *Friends of Clean Air*, 300 North Hidalgo Avenue, requested that the Alhambra Community Gardens be added to the ordinance if it was not already included and that the signs be printed in 3 languages, and show the international symbol for “no smoking” as well as the fines for violating the ordinance.

- 2) **Lola ARMENDARIZ** asked if Alhambra was the first city in the San Gabriel Valley to adopt such an ordinance and how the ordinance was going to be enforced in the early morning and late evening hours. Vice Mayor **MESSINA** responded that Alhambra was not the first city and that the ordinance would be enforced through voluntary compliance, commenting that when she has observed someone violating a park rule; such as skateboarding, upon mentioning to the violator that such behavior was not permitted, the violator, as a general rule, ceased the activity.

Action Taken: Directed the Assistant City Attorney to give second reading by title only to **Ordinance No. O2M8-4526** entitled:

An Ordinance of the Alhambra City Council of the City of Alhambra, California, amending Sections 9.18.020, 9.18.030, and 14.04.030 of the Alhambra Municipal Code prohibiting smoking in parks

after which the City Council adopted the same.

Vote: Moved: PLACIDO Seconded: MESSINA

Ayes: MESSINA, YAMAUCHI, PLACIDO, AYALA
Noes: None
Absent: SHAM

FUENTES: At 7:30 p.m., City Manager Fuentes assumed his seat on the dais.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - F2M8-4

1. **Lola ARMENDARIZ** again stressed in her opinion the need for Park Rangers, requesting that the matter be placed back in the Strategic Plan as she felt the visibility of Park Rangers would be a deterrent for sex offenders approaching young people; asked if our bronze statuary and plaques are adequately secured in light of the current rash of copper and bronze thefts occurring throughout the area; and requested the banning of leaf blowers.
2. **Rick SANCHEZ**, 525 Howard Street #F, presented a printout of the Police Department's Overnight Parking Rules and Regulations which he felt were not consistent with the City's current practice of issuing parking violations to persons who had valid parking passes but failed to put their license plate numbers on the pass. Mayor **AYALA** referred him to Chief of Police Hudson.
3. **Kenneth BRIER**, 801 South Marguerita Avenue, stated that he has resided in Alhambra for the past 40 years and that he was astonished and upset to get a warning from Code Enforcement that he was in violation of Municipal Code Section 9.70.050 for failure to water his lawn. He requested the City Council to reconsider this ordinance in light of the fact that we are in the midst of a severe drought.

In response to Mayor **AYALA**'s inquiry as to where we are in terms of water rationing, Director of Utilities **MONTAN** stated that Alhambra does have a water conservation ordinance; however, right now we are addressing the water issue by voluntary conservation and public education. It only takes 10 minutes in the early morning and 10 minutes in the evening to water your lawn and shrubs, and by doing so one can still maintain his or her property in a manner that is not detrimental to one's landscaping nor that of one's neighborhood. She added that the City is not at the point where we must require mandatory water conservation now or in the near future.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS (ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS) – F2M8-7, F2M7-66, F2M8-52

Councilperson **YAMAUCHI** requested that the Initiative Statute known as Proposition 7 appearing on the November 4, 2008 ballot pertaining to renewable energy generation be placed on the next agenda for Council consideration. He also congratulated Director of Community Services Jarvis and City staff for a fantastic "Summer Jubilee" event last Friday evening at which he estimated 15,000 people had attended.

Dr. **PLACIDO** requested that a “Green Team” be put together with each Councilperson appointing one member to the committee, the purpose of which would be to look at all of the things the City has done to address environmental concerns; i.e., what actions the City has taken to make Alhambra “more green.” He envisioned the committee would report back to the City Council by the end of the year as to what we have done so far to date and then what we can do in the future. Mayor **AYALA** commented that the American Lung Association will also do an assessment for \$1,000 that will give us an idea as to where as we are at with respect to addressing air quality concerns. City Manager **FUENTES** stated that staff will bring back at the next meeting for the Council’s consideration a report highlighting some of these ideas.

Vice Mayor **MESSINA** commented that on August 25 she will become Mayor for the fourth time; and, as part of her Mayoral inauguration celebration, she is hosting a fundraiser for the Alhambra Unified School District Marching Band, who will march in the 2009 Rose Parade, to help defray the costs of their Rose Parade appearance. The ASUD has set a \$229,000 administrative budget for this event, a large portion of which must still be raised. Hopefully, her event will raise sufficient moneys for transportation expenses for the band and drill team. The fundraising reception will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2008 between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. in the Lakeview Room of Almansor Court, 700 South Almansor Street. Tickets for the event are \$50 each payable to the Alhambra Education Foundation, which is a nonprofit foundation, so all contributions are tax deductible. She also noted that this year’s Tournament of Roses President is Corky Conzonire who is the owner of “The Hat” restaurant chain and an Alhambra High School graduate, adding that 2009 marks the 80th appearance of the City of Alhambra in the Rose Parade.

Mayor **AYALA** reported that on August 1, the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce will install their 2008-09 officers; that in light of current housing crisis State Senator Cedillo, Assemblyman Eng and the City are hosting a foreclosure workshop on Saturday, August 2, at 1:00 p.m. at the Joslyn Center; and that Tuesday, August 5, is “National Night Out” in Alhambra. Chief of Police **HUDSON** added that the Police Department will be at Target beginning at 6:45 p.m. and they will next visit at Valley and Atlantic Boulevard, concluding at Renaissance Plaza.

ARA RECONVENE & ADJOURNMENT: At 8:05 p.m., the ARA Chairman reconvened the Agency meeting with all members present; and, as there was no further business for the Agency Board or Council to transact, the ARA Chairman and Mayor adjourned their respective meetings to 5:30 a.m., on Monday, August 11, 2008, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 South First Street, Alhambra, California, for the purpose of meeting jointly.

FRANCES A. MOORE, CMC
CITY CLERK & ARA ASSISTANT SECRETARY